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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

At the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), we have long held as a truism that "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." In today's America, anyone without access to high-speed mobile internet is very much in danger of falling behind in the race for educational opportunities. Particularly among minorities, wireless high-speed broadband is a necessity to take full advantage of all the web has to offer. This is why we support the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA, and hope it will be met with your approval.

Once it has merged with T-Mobile, AT&T has pledged to invest \$8 billion to build out its existing network, resulting in an additional 1 million square miles of coverage that will extend to more than 97% of the country. This will bring us closer than ever to the President's goal of universal broadband access. It will also lead to more reliable performance on its next-generation 4G LTE network, with faster speeds and better service.

All of this will be a boon to the African-American community, where wireless broadband is often the primary method of accessing the internet. At a time when a college degree today is the equivalent of a high school diploma 50 years ago, we must ensure that students are able to log on and access every educational opportunity available. This merger will be a major step toward making that a reality. After the proper review process has been completed, I am sure you will realize the many educational benefits that will result from this merger.

Sincerely,

Therese Badon

Regional Development Director